

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA  
JUNE 22, 2005**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Wednesday, June 22, 2005, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street.

**Call to Order.**

Presiding Officer Mayor William J. Schmitt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call.**

Mayor William J. Schmitt	Present
Councilmembers	
John Schroeder	Present
Bradley Seger	Present
Thomas Schmidt	Present
Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter	Present
Renee Kabrick	Present
Randall Buchta	Present
Raymond Howard	Present
City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein	Present
Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm	Present

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the members of the legislative body must be in attendance. All seven of the members were in attendance; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

Mayor Schmitt then invited all those present to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of the Minutes**

The following minutes were distributed to and examined by the Council:

1. May 18, 2005 regular monthly common council meeting.
2. May 18, 2005 6:30 p.m. public hearing concerning the petition of Hoosier Hills Credit Union, John B. Habig, Daniel W. Hasenour and Ann E. Hasenour to vacate Schlachter Street, a platted street located between 30<sup>th</sup> Street and 31<sup>st</sup> Street.
3. May 18, 2005 6:40 p.m. public hearing concerning Ordinance No. 2005-9 that requires the inspection of property for proper sanitary sewer connection prior to the change of ownership.
4. May 18, 2005 6:50 p.m. public hearing concerning the petition of Haas Family Corporation and J & M Thyen Investors L.P. to vacate an alley located between 36<sup>th</sup> & 37<sup>th</sup> Streets in the O. Eckerle's Victory Villa 6<sup>th</sup> Addition.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Ambrose Schitter and seconded by Councilmember Thomas Schmidt to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

**Boy Scouts.** Boy Scout Dan Kreilein from Troop 185 was present. Kreilein is working on his Citizenship in the Community merit badge.

**Utility Service Board.** Utility Service Board Vice Chairman Mike Harder presented a report of the regular monthly meeting held on June 20, 2005. Copies of the minutes were supplied to each council member.

**Alley connecting 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Streets between Mill and Vine Streets.** Margaret Antley, 313 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Mona Resenbeck, 317 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Jeannie Kruger, 314 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street requested making the alley that lies between Mill and Vine Streets and connects 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Streets one-way north. The neighbors had been informed that the Board of Public Works and Safety had recommended keeping the alley two-way and erecting stop signs at the north and south ends of the alley. The ladies presented photos which showed where vehicles drove onto their property because the alley is too narrow for two-way traffic. They also cited traffic traveling too fast in the alley and the danger to children playing at a nearby park. Mayor Schmitt stated that some years ago, the City, at the request of the neighbors, had improved and widened the alley to accommodate two-way traffic. He said a lot of factory workers use the alley as a street rather than an alley. Ms. Resenbeck responded that there is a lot more traffic in the alley now than before.

There followed much discussion about the availability of parking for the factory employees and the reason why people use the alley. Councilmember Bradley Seger asked who is using the alley and Police Chief Gunselman responded that factory employees use the alley as a faster exit. Gunselman and City Engineer Chad Hurm also presented pictures of the alley. Gunselman advised that if the alley were made one-way, the sensible way would be one-way north.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Bradley Seger and seconded by Councilmember Ambrose Schitter to instruct the city attorney to prepare an ordinance to make said alley one-way north and amend Ordinance No. 2005-13 to designate the alley one-way heading north instead of erecting stop signs at the north and south ends of said alley as recommended by the Board of Public Works and Safety. Motion passed 7-0.

**American Cancer Society-Partnership for a Smoke-free America.** Donna Oeding, Dubois County Health Department, 1187 St. Charles St., Linda Letterman, Community Development Director, Dubois County Cancer Society and Shannon Hildebranski, Coordinator for Dubois County Tobacco Prevention Coalition, stated that they are representatives of the "Partnership for Smoke-Free Communities" and presented informational packets to each councilmember. Ms. Oeding stated that the group's goal is to get a smoke-free work-place ordinance adopted in Jasper and other communities in Dubois County. She reported that the City of Huntingburg held a public forum on said topic on June 16, 2005 and this was very well-received. Oeding requested that Jasper also hold a public meeting concerning this important issue. She further stated that there was a model

ordinance in the informational packets. Oeding added that the committee would be presenting their information to the Dubois County Commissioners in July.

During discussion, Councilmember Bradley Seger wanted to know if the City would be duplicating this policy if the county adopted an ordinance. Ms. Oeding responded that cities could make their ordinance more restrictive or more suited to their needs. Councilmember John Schroeder surmised that these laws are a nightmare to enforce. Councilmember Renee Kabrick commented that the issue was important enough to warrant a public meeting.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Renee Kabrick and seconded by Councilmember Bradley Seger to schedule a public informational meeting on the issue of smoke-free communities. Motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Schmitt stated that the date and details could be worked out later, but that the date would probably be after the Strassenfest.

**Ordinance No. 2005-14 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 4 (4) OF ORDINANCE NO. 546, ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A UNIFORM CODE FOR TRAFFIC UPON THE PUBLIC STREETS OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA---PARKING PROHIBITED ON CERTAIN DESIGNATED STREETS.**

Ordinance No. 2005-14 prohibits parking on 13<sup>th</sup> Street between Robert Street and Dorbett Street for set times.

Upon motion by Councilmember Ambrose Schitter, seconded by Councilmember Randall Buchta and unanimously approved, it was moved to read the ordinance for one reading only. Thereafter, on motion made by Councilmember Raymond Howard, seconded by Councilmember Thomas Schmidt and unanimously approved, it was moved to have the ordinance read by title only. The ordinance was so read. Thereafter, upon motion made by Councilmember Raymond Howard, seconded by Councilmember Bradley Seger, it was moved to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2005-14. The measure passed 7-0.

During discussion, City Engineer Chad Hurm reported that the Police Chief, Street Commissioner and the City Engineer had studied the situation and had recommended eliminating parking on both sides of the street during the busy times of day. Police Chief Gunselman stated that most of the parked vehicles belong to employees of the Medical Arts Building. Councilmember Bradley Seger asked if there would be ample parking in the lot if the parked street cars go in there. The Police Chief responded that there is ample parking in the parking garage for Medical Arts Building employees. Councilmember John Schroeder commented that the safety issue should take precedent over convenience to people. Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle stated that Dorbett Street offsets from 13<sup>th</sup> Street further to the west on the north side of 13<sup>th</sup> Street. City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein agreed to change the wording in the ordinance.

**Ordinance No. 2005-15 “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING POLICIES FOR OPERATION AND FEES FOR THE USE OF THE JASPER CITY CEMETERY**

Ordinance No. 2005-15 establishes fees for lots and policies for the operation of the cemetery.

The ordinance was introduced upon motion by Councilmember Renee Kabrick, seconded by Councilmember Ambrose Schitter, and unanimously approved, to read the ordinance by title only on first reading. The ordinance was so read. Thereafter, on motion made by Councilmember John Schroeder and seconded by Councilmember Thomas Schmidt, Ordinance No. 2005-15 was unanimously approved on first reading.

During discussion, City Attorney Hemmerlein stated that the ordinance would set policies and designate the Board of Public Works and Safety for control and management and that the burial plot fees would be raised to \$460.

**Ordinance No. 2005-16 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 961 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A JASPER CITY CEMETERY FUND.**

Ordinance No. 2005-16 amends the language in the establishment of a Jasper City Cemetery Fund.

Upon motion by Councilmember Ambrose Schitter, seconded by Councilmember Randall Buchta and unanimously approved, it was moved to read the ordinance for one reading only. Thereafter, on motion made by Councilmember Bradley Seger, seconded by Councilmember Renee Kabrick and unanimously approved, it was moved to have the ordinance read by title only. The ordinance was so read. Thereafter, upon motion made by Councilmember Thomas Schmidt, seconded by Councilmember Renee Kabrick, it was moved to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2005-16. The measure passed 7-0.

**Budget Hearings.** Mayor Schmitt asked the Councilmembers to set dates for budget hearings.

On **motion** by Councilmember Ambrose Schitter and seconded by Councilmember Randall Buchta, budget hearings were set for noon on Monday, July 25, 2005 and 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 26, 2005. **Motion** passed 7-0.

**Website.** Councilmember Raymond Howard reported that there were 60,337 hits on the website during the month of May. He said this included employees accessing the site, but surmised that 59,247 hits were a realistic number.

**Monitor Reading.** Mayor Schmitt reported that Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) had informed him that they would be installing another monitor for air quality to get some additional readings.

**U.S. Highway 231.** Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle reported that he had contacted Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) concerning the deteriorated condition of U.S. Highway 231. He stated that the road would be milled and re-paved in 2006.

**River Cleanup.** Street Commissioner Eckerle stated that the Upper River Conservancy District had contacted him about cleaning the logs out of the river. He said he was unaware of the agreement that Jasper has to clean up the river within the City limits. City Attorney Hemmerlein will get a copy of the agreement.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the board, a **motion** was made by Councilmember Renee Kabrick and seconded by Councilmember Thomas Schmidt to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

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**William J. Schmitt, Mayor  
Presiding Officer**

**ATTEST:**

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**Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer**

Cynthia Kluemper, Recording Secretary